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## Clallam County: Crescent Water main break causes water outage

Customers urged to boil their tap water until further notice

**OLYMPIA** — People in the 500 homes and businesses served by the Crescent Water Association in Clallam County are being urged to boil their tap water after a main break on Monday caused a water outage. The system serves the community of Joyce near Lake Crescent, located 22 miles west of Port Angeles.

Crescent Water is working to repair the break and restore water pressure. Customers east of Miller Road are most affected by the loss of water pressure, but all customers are being advised to boil their tap water until the district can have the water quality tested. When pressure is lost, potentially harmful bacteria can enter water lines.

To kill bacteria, the state Department of Health recommends boiling tap water used for drinking, brushing teeth, dishwashing, preparing food, and making ice. Water should be boiled for one minute and allowed to cool before use.

Customers will be notified when the water is safe to drink. Those who have questions about their water can call the Association at 360-928-3128.

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